



▪ **DERBYSHIRE**

Calke Abbey

Ticknall, Derby, Derbyshire DE73 1LE

Tel: 01332 863822

A baroque mansion built 1701, essentially unaltered since the 1880s. The grounds include a walled garden and orangery.

Hardwick Hall

Doe Lea, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S44 5QJ

Tel: 01246 850430

A magnificent Elizabethan house built by Bess of Hardwick. Contains outstanding contemporary furniture, tapestries and needlework, many pieces identified in an inventory of 1601.

High Peak Estate

High Peak Estate Office, Edale End, Hope Valley, Derbyshire S33 6RF

Tel: 01433 670368

The High Peak is walking country. The Pennine moorlands are of international importance for their populations of breeding birds, including golden plover, merlin and red grouse. Sites of particular interest include Mam Tor, Odin Mine, Kinder Scout, and the unspoilt valley of Snake Pass.

Ilam Park

Ilam, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 2AZ

Tel: 01335 350503

This is a beautiful open park and woodland running along both banks of the River Manifold. There are spectacular views to Dovedale and a small garden on the site of Old Italian garden.

Kedleston Hall

Derby, Derbyshire DE22 5JH

Tel: 01332 842191

A Palladian mansion set in a classical park landscape, built 1759–65. The house has the most complete and least-altered sequence of Robert Adam interiors in England.

Longshaw Estate

Sheffield, Derbyshire S11 7TZ

Tel: 01433 631708

A large area of open moorland, woodland and farms in the Peak District National Park.

The Old Manor

Norbury, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 2ED

Tel: 01283 585337

A stone-built hall, dating from the 13th to 15th centuries and of specialist architectural interest only. The adjacent church (not NT) is also worth visiting

Stainsby Mill: Hardwick Estate

Doe Lea, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S44 5QJ

Tel: 01246 850430 (Hardwick Hall)

A water-powered flour mill still in working order.

Sudbury Hall and the National Trust Museum of Childhood

Sudbury, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 5HT

Tel: 01283 585305 (Infoline); 01283 585139

A late 17th century house with rich interior decoration. Situated in the 19th century service wing of Sudbury Hall, the Museum of Childhood contains fascinating and innovative displays about children from the 18th century onwards. There are chimney climbs for the adventurous 'sweep-sized' children.

Winster Market House

Main Street, Winster, nr Matlock, Derbyshire

Tel: 01335 350503

A market house of the late 17th or early 18th century; restored and housing a NT information room.

▪ LEICESTERSHIRE

Staunton Harold Church

Staunton Harold, Ashbey-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire LE65 1RW

Tel: 01332 863822 (Calke Abbey)

One of the very few churches to be built during the Commonwealth. The Church retains its original 17th century cushions and has fine panelling and painted ceilings.

Ulverscroft Nature Reserve

nr Loughborough, Leicestershire

Tel: 01909 486411

The reserve is part of the ancient forest of Charnwood and is beautiful in Spring during the bluebell season. Contact the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust for access.

▪ LINCOLNSHIRE

Belton House

Grantham, Lincolnshire NG32 2LS

Tel: 01476 566116

A fine example of Restoration country house architecture. The house, built 1685–88, has fine plasterwork and wood carving, and collections of portraits, furniture, tapestries, oriental porcelain and silver.

Grantham House

Castlegate, Grantham, Lincolnshire NG31 6SS

Tel: 01476 593473

The town house dates from 1380 and has architectural features from various eras. There are walled gardens running down to the river.

Gunby Hall

Gunby nr Spilsby, Lincolnshire PE23 5SS

Tel: 07870 758876

A red-brick house with stone dressings. The interior displays early 18th century wainscoting and a fine oak staircase, also fine furniture, paintings and china.

Gunby Hall Estate: Monksthorpe Chapel

Monksthorpe, nr Spilsby, Lincolnshire PE23 5PP

Tel: 01909 486411

A fine example of a remote chapel with an outdoor baptistry. The chapel was used by local Baptists as a place of worship and was extensively altered in appearance during the 19th century.

Tattershall Castle

Tattershall, Lincoln, Lincolnshire LN4 4LR

Tel: 01526 342543

A vast fortified, moated, red-brick tower built c.1440 for Ralph Cromwell, Lord Treasurer of England.

Woolsthorpe Manor

Water Lane, Woolsthorpe-by-Colsterworth, nr Grantham,
Lincolnshire NG33 5PD

Tel: 01476 860338

A small 17th-century manor house, the birthplace and family home of Sir Isaac Newton, who formulated some of his major works here during the Plague years (1665–67). An early edition of his Principia is on display. The orchard includes a descendant of the famous apple tree. Science Discovery Centre and exhibition

▪ NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Canons Ashby House

Canons Ashby, Daventry, Northamptonshire NN11 3SD

Tel: 01327 860044 (Infoline); 01327 861900

Home of the Dryden family since the 16th century, displaying Elizabethan wall-paintings and outstanding Jacobean plasterwork.

Clumber Park

The Estate Office, Clumber Park, Worksop, Nottinghamshire S80 3AZ

Tel: 01909 544917 (Infoline); 01909 476592

1538ha of parkland, farmland, lake and woodlands; also a walled garden including a Victorian apiary, vineries and tools exhibition.

Lyveden New Bield

nr Oundle, Peterborough, Northamptonshire PE8 5AT

Tel: 01832 205358

The shell of an incomplete lodge or garden house, begun c.1595 and designed in the shape of a cross with interesting exterior frieze work.

Priest's House

Easton on the Hill, nr Stamford, Northamptonshire PE9 3LS

Tel: 01780 762619

This pre-Reformation stone house contains a small museum illustrating past village life.

▪ NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Mr Straw's House

7 Blyth Grove, Workshop, Nottinghamshire S81 0JG

Tel: 01909 482380

This 1920's house contains a fascinating collection of household items, costume and memorabilia from the eccentric Straw family. There is a lovely traditional suburban garden.

The Workhouse

Upton Road, Southwell, Nottinghamshire NG25 0PT

Tel: 01636 817250

The Workhouse at Southwell is a formidable 19th-century brick institution with a story to tell about the care of the poor in Britain. The revolutionary but harsh 'welfare' system introduced here in 1824 was adopted nation-wide in the New Poor Law. The building is the least altered workhouse in existence today, a survivor from the hundreds that once covered the country. Discover the people who lived and worked here, what life was like and how things have changed today.